REMARKS

I.   Introduction

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 13 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 13 have been amended. In view of the following, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II.   Rejection of Pending Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as failing to comply with the definiteness requirement.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, in relevant parts:

> performing a first step of transmitting, **from a transmitter,** a message on the bus system for detecting at least one predefined signal feature of the message and determining, as a function of a data pattern encoded within the message, the at least one targeted user as an intended target;

> at only one of the users, receiving the message;

> at the only one of the users receiving the message, determining if a preselected number of occurrences of the at least one predefined signal feature of the message has been reached;

> responsive to the determining that the preselected number of occurrences has been reached, **retransmitting, from the transmitter,** the message on the bus system; and

> determining one of a number of the users to be awakened and a group of users to be awakened based on the retransmitted message, each user being awakened only if the data pattern identifies at least one of the user and a group to which the user belongs;

> wherein a length of the message is at least two bits, and

> wherein the preselected number of occurrences of the at least one predefined signal feature is greater than one.

Claims 5, 7 and 13 have been amended to recite features substantially corresponding to the above-recited features of claim 1. No new matter has been added. Support for all the amendments is found in the Specification. For example, as described in the Specification, only one CAN transceiver, e.g., the one user recited in claim 1, is supplied with standby

power while the other users are in sleep mode or switched off (p. 3, lines 23-27). A transmitter of a wakeup request sends a message on the bus (p. 4, lines 23-25). The message is detected by the one user, and a count begins of a signal feature (p. 4, lines 27-31). If the count reaches a preselected number, this indicates a wakeup request and the transmitter retransmits the message (p. 4, line 31 to p. 5, line 3). An identifier is read out of the retransmitted message to determine which users or group of users are to be awakened (p. 5, lines 3-5).

In view of the amendments, it is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 13 is definite, and the indefiniteness rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 13 are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

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